III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) *Decision of the Business Advisory Committee.*

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 3-30 p.m. on the 26th November, 1970, the following programme of business has been decided :—

November 27th : Official Bills.
November 28th : Non-official business.
November 29th : Sunday—Holiday.
November 30th : Official Bills.
December 1st : Ramzan—Holiday.
December 2nd : Official Bills, if necessary.

The Council will meet from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

(2) *Messages from the Assembly.*

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Messages have been received from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting copies of the Tamil Nadu Panchayat Courts (Validation of Proceedings) Bill, 1970 (L.A. Bill No. 31 of 1970) and the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1970 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1970), as passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 26th November 1970 and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council.

A message has also been received from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the motion as passed by the Assembly on 26th November 1970 that a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses, consisting of 30 members (20 members from the Assembly and 10 members from the Council) be set up to consider the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Bill, 1970 (L.A. Bill No 23 of 1970) and that the following members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :

1. Thiru M. S. Sivasami
2. Thiru M. P. Sarathy
3. Thiru Palanivel Rajan
4. Thiru Rama Arangannal
5. Thiru S. Arumugam
6. Thiru M. Kannappan
7. Thiru S. Ganesan
8. Thiru Gingee V. Munuswami
9. Thiru P. Sreenivasan
10. Thiru M. C. Balan
11. Thiru T. P. Alagamuthu
12. Thiru K. Vinayakam
13. Thiru V. George

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14. Dr. H. V. Hande
15. Thiru N. Sankariah
16. Thiru T. Theerthagiri Gounder
17. Thiru M. Surendran
18. Thiru A. A. Subbaraja
19. Thiru A. R. Perumal
20. Thiru A. K. Subbiah

Under rule 139 (1) of the Assembly Rules, the Hon. Speaker has nominated the Hon. Thiru V.R. Nedunchezhiyan, Minister for Education and Health, as a Member of the Joint Select Committee.

IV. PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that, under rule 14 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council Rules, the Hon. Chairman has nominated the following Members of the Legislative Council to be the Panel of Vice-Chairmen for the Thirty-seventh Session of the Legislative Council under the Constitution:

1. Thiru V. Thangapandian
2. Thirumathi S. Manjubashini.
3. Thiru G. Swaminathan
4. Thavathiru Deivasigamani Aruchanala Desigar Kundrakkudi Adigalar.

V. STATEMENT MADE BY THE HON. THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

Correcting answer to supplementary qnestion to Starred Question No. 198 (55).

THE HON. THIRUMATHI SATHIAVANIMUTHU: "While furnishing answer to a supplementary question to the Legislative Council Question No. 198 (55) starred on 31-8-70, it was stated by the previous Minister for Finance, Thiru A. K. Mathialagan, that the lump sum amount is being paid to Ceylon repatriates in the form of loan and that they have to collect it and repay it in instalments". I would like to correct the above statement as follows :—

"The lump sum amount is being paid to repatriates as grant and the repatriates need not repay the amount."

It was also stated by the previous Minister that the repatriates will be coming in the course of 20 years. I would like to state that according to Indo-Ceylon Agreement, the persons of Indian origin from Ceylon will be repatriated within a period of fifteen years from the date of the agreement, *viz.*, 30-10-1964.